

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6158

To amend the Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978 to require, as a condition to the consent for off-track wagering, that horsemen's groups and host racing commissions offer insurance coverage for professional jockeys and other horseracing personnel, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

Mr. WHITFIELD (for himself and Mr. STUPAK) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONDITION FOR CONSENT OF OFF-TRACK WA-**
4 **GERING.**

5 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Section 5(a) of the Interstate
6 Horseracing Act of 1978 (15 U.S.C. 3004(a)) is amend-
7 ed—

1 (1) in paragraph (1)—

2 (A) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as
3 subparagraph (C);

4 (B) by adding after subparagraph (A) the
5 following:

6 “(B) that as a condition precedent to such
7 consent (except in a State where jockeys, exer-
8 cise riders, or backside personnel and trainers
9 are included in a State worker’s compensation
10 program under the laws or regulations of such
11 State effective on June 30, 2006) the terms
12 and conditions of the agreement described in
13 subparagraph (A) provide that not less than 50
14 percent of any amount received by the horse-
15 men’s group under such agreement be paid by
16 the horsemen’s group to the host racing com-
17 mission for the purpose of the host racing com-
18 mission offering insurance coverage for profes-
19 sional jockeys, exercise riders, and backside per-
20 sonnel and trainers; and provided further,”; and

21 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting before the
22 semicolon the following: “, including the consent of
23 such commission to offer insurance coverage with
24 the funds obtained by such commission based on the

1 terms and conditions of the written agreement as set
2 forth in paragraph (1)(B)’’.

3 (b) DEFINITION.—Section 3 of the Interstate Horse-
4 racing Act of 1978 (15 U.S.C. 3002) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (22), by striking the period at
6 the end and inserting a semicolon;

7 (2) by adding after paragraph (22) the fol-
8 lowing new paragraphs:

9 “(23) ‘insurance coverage’ means health and in-
10 jury insurance for jockeys, exercise riders, and back-
11 side personnel and trainers who are employed or
12 under contract for training or horseracing in the
13 State of the host racing association and who may be
14 injured in the performance of their official duties
15 while so employed or under contract;

16 “(24) ‘exercise rider’ means an individual em-
17 ployed as a rider by a horse trainer or any other
18 person to assist in the exercising and training of a
19 horse for horseracing; and

20 “(25) ‘jockey’ means a professional jockey who
21 is licensed by one or more State to compete as a
22 rider in horseracing.’’.

23 (c) AMENDMENT TO FINDINGS.—Section 2(a) of the
24 Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978 (15 U.S.C. 3001(a))
25 is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “; and” and
2 inserting a semicolon;

3 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period and
4 inserting “; and”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(3) there is a need for the Federal govern-
7 ment, in ensuring such cooperation, to ensure that
8 jockeys, exercise riders, and backside personnel and
9 trainers who may be injured in the performance of
10 their official duties while employed or under contract
11 in horseracing receive insurance coverage.”.

12 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON STEROIDS.**

13 The Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978 (15 U.S.C.
14 3001 et seq.) is further amended—

15 (1) by redesignating sections 6 through 9 as
16 sections 7 through 10, respectively;

17 (2) in section 8(a) (as so redesignated), by
18 striking “with section 6.” and inserting “with sec-
19 tion 7. A jockey, exercise rider, or trainer or other
20 backside personnel may bring such an action for a
21 violation of the condition in section 5(a)(1)(B) or a
22 violation of section 6.”; and

23 (3) by inserting after section 5 the following:

24 “PROHIBITION ON STEROIDS

25 “SEC. 6. No person may enter a horse in any horse-
26 race that is the subject of an interstate off-track wager

- 1 if such horse has been given anabolic steroids of any kind.
- 2 The appropriate host racing commission shall develop pro-
- 3 cedures for and administer appropriate testing for the
- 4 presence of anabolic steroids.”.

